

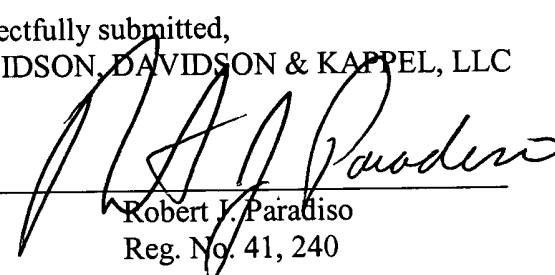
III. REMARKS

Claims 1 - 24 are pending. Claims 15 – 24 have been amended to reduce the filing fee.

IV. CONCLUSION

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephonic interview will advance the prosecution of this application.

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